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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJECT: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

1. BARRY SULLIVAN OF WCI CALLED COUNTRY OFFICER FOR ZAMBIA TODAY TO REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS AND ASK THEY BE RELAYED TO EMBASSY.
2. HE CONFIRMED WCI AND AFRICAN WILDLIFE LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION (AWLF) WILL MERGE AT END OF THIS YEAR. LEGAL PAPERS ARE BEING DRAWN UP TO FORMALIZE UNION.
3. SULLIVAN HAS CABLED MARTIN, WCI'S LAWYER IN LUSAKA, ASKING HIM TO ARRANGE FOR THE GRZ TO RELEASE WCI FROM PAST AND FUTURE LIABILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK AND TO POSTPONE NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW LEASE PENDING WCI/AWLF MERGER. FYI, SULLIVAN DELAYED ASKING MARTIN TO CANCEL LEASE UNTIL WCI/AWLF HAMMERED OUT ITS OWN POSITION ON BANGWEULU AND COULD ADDRESS BOTH ISSUES AT SAME TIME IN ONE DOCUMENT TO GRZ. END FYI.
4. GRZ HAS NOT YET COMMUNICATED ITS FINAL DECISION (IF ONE MADE) TO WCI ON BANGWEULU. HOWEVER, SULLIVAN

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SAYS IT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN WCI/AWLF BOARD WILL DECLINE TO

PARTICIPATE IN BANGWEULU LEASE. WCI/AWLF MAY STILL FUND
A FEW SMALL SHORT TERM PROJECTS IN ZAMBIA (E.G., GRANT
FOR MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF

ZAMBIA), BUT INTENDS PULL OUT OF LONG TERM LEASE OR OTHER
HIGH PROFILE UNDERTAKINGS. AFTER MERGER WCI/AWLF
ACTIVITIES IN ZAMBIA WILL BE HANDLED OUT OF NAIROBI AND
NO WCI/AWLF OFFICER WILL BE POSTED IN ZAMBIA.

5. SULLIVAN REQUESTS EMBASSY PASS SUBSTANCE PARAS 3
AND 4 ABOVE TO GRZ ON INFORMAL BASIS. EMBASSY MAY WANT
TO ADD THAT ANY WCI/AWLF PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN ZAMBIA IN
FORESEEABLE FUTURE WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF ZAMBIA RATHER THAN BY WCI/AWLF.
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